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Life Insurance premiums and life insurance premiums paid for by allotment, such as National Service Life Insurance, are considered to be supplementary;

(7) Amounts withheld from benefits payable under title II of the Social Security Act where the withholding is required by law;

(8) Amounts mandatorily withheld for the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home; and

(9) Fines and forfeitures ordered by a court-martial or by a commanding officer.

Employee means a current employee of a Federal agency, including a current member of the Armed Forces or Reserve of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Office means the organization of each Assistant Secretary, the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), the Solar Energy and Energy Conservation Bank and each Field Office.

Pay means basic pay, special pay, income pay, retired pay, retainer pay, or, in case of an employee not entitled to basic pay, other authorized pay.

Person means any natural person or persons, profit or nonprofit corporations, partnership, association, trust, estate, government or government subdivision or other entity which is capable of owing a debt to the Government. For purposes of the interest provisions, person does not include an agency of the United States Government, a State government, or a unit of general local government.

Salary offset means a deduction from the pay of an employee without his or her consent to satisfy a debt. Salary offset is one type of administrative offset which may be used by the Department in the collection of claims.

Secretary means the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development or his or her designee.

United States includes an agency of the United States.

Waiver means the cancellation, remission, forgiveness, or non-recovery of a debt allegedly owed by an employee of an agency as permitted or required by 5 U.S.C. 5584, 10 U.S.C. 2774,

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32 U.S.C. 716, or 5 U.S.C. 8346(b), or any other law.

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§ 17.61 Incorporation of joint standards by reference.

All administrative actions to collect claims arising out of the activities of the Department shall be performed in accordance with the applicable standards prescribed in 4 CFR parts 101 through 105, which are incorporated by reference and supplemented in this subpart.

§ 17.62 Subdivision and joining of claims.

(a) A debtor's liability arising from a particular transaction or contract shall be considered as a single claim in determining whether the claim is one not exceeding \$100,000 exclusive of interest for the purpose of compromise or termination of collection action. Such a claim may not be subdivided to avoid the monetary ceiling established by the Act.

(b) Joining of two or more single claims in a demand upon a particular debtor for payment totaling more than \$100,000 does not preclude compromise or termination of collection action with respect to any one of such claims that does not exceed \$100,000 exclusive of interest.

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§ 17.63 Authority of offices to attempt collection of claims.

The head of each office shall designate a claims collection officer, who shall attempt to collect in full all claims of the Department for money or property arising out of the activities of such office. Each claims collection officer shall establish and currently maintain a file with regard to each claim for which collection activities are undertaken.

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